



# St. Peter's Episcopal Church

...a faith community in the heart of downtown Honolulu

**A Beacon of Hope...A Call to Serve!**

**November 2018**



Perhaps you have heard the phrase, “have an attitude of gratitude” – either from a parent, a teacher, or perhaps even in a marketing campaign. This month perhaps gratitude is in the forefront of your mind, as we head towards Thanksgiving. Pastor Diane recently shared something with me which has given me pause for thought – gratitude is not just an inclination, but it is a practice, fueled by daily observances.

I say grace before eating my dinner meal – always aloud when I am eating with someone else, sometimes silently when I am alone. This small practice gives me a space to practice gratitude in the day. And, particularly when I have had a bad day, I realize how important this discipline is. Sometimes when I bow my head, I can't think of anything to say – until I think of things to be grateful for. Even if I start with the basics (a roof over my head, food to eat) – I realize that there is actually a lot to be thankful for (the way the sun glints off the plants on my balcony, or the soft purring of my cat). This is one way to practice gratitude – to make it a habitual, daily discipline and not just a fleeting feeling.

Another way I practice my gratitude is through giving. In our first service, at the time the gifts are brought forward, the offering bowls are lifted up and we say together, “All things come of thee O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee”. The theology in this statement touches me – I am given all that I have through and by God's goodness. Gifting it back to the church, which is helping to do God's work in the world, is really only giving back to God what is and has always been God's.

This month, I hope and pray that you will find, as you look around, much to be grateful for. I hope that in seeing this abundance, you see God's goodness. As part of your grateful response to God's goodness in the world, I invite you to consider contributing, through a pledge, to the mission of this church. Perhaps your pledge can be a daily discipline, bringing gratitude into your life.

*Rev Jazzy*

*Pledge materials will be arriving in the mail this week. Commitment Sunday, when we are invited to return our pledge commitments for 2019, is November 18<sup>th</sup>.*

*Thoughts from members of the vestry:*

## **St. Peter's Church: A Beacon of Hope**

I am **Bryan Matsumoto** and I serve on the Finance Committee for the Vestry. Our mission statement is “A Beacon of Hope, A Call to Serve”. The Beacon of “HOPE” that I experienced in being a part of the St. Peter's Community is watching my daughter, Jenna, grow up into a fine young lady. We adopted Jenna when she was 9 months old from Korea. My wife and I were always hoping for a child and we couldn't be more than happy and excited when we were blessed with Jenna. We, as I think every parent hopes, that you raise your child the right way and that child becomes a happy and successful adult. Growing up within the St. Peter's Community, has made that “HOPE” we have for Jenna become more and more of a reality for us. This family-oriented congregation is so warm; they always make you feel like family. The Christian values we have learned by sharing our faith and serving our community has been very rewarding. I'm so pleased to see these types of values in Jenna, and I “HOPE” we can continue to raise Jenna the right way and I believe that being part of the St. Peter's Community will make that come true.

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I am **Kyle Saito** and I'm on the vestry and will say a few words on what the first half of St Peter's mission statement “a beacon of hope, a call to serve”. To me, this beacon of hope is the church, both the physical structure and its people. Learning that St Peter's started in 1887, having completed the sanctuary in 1914 and not only enduring but thriving for so long gives me pride for what has been accomplished and hope for what may come. By just looking at the weekly bulletin one can see that each week has many, many events, but this is only one part of what our church has to offer, come on, any given day and you can see events going on that help our community flourish beyond what we read in the bulletin every Sunday and seeing this impact tells me we, the church, the sanctuary, this congregation and those that are serve are a beacon of hope.

## St. Peter's Church: A Call to Serve

I am vestry member **Steve Mitchell**. I have loved serving the lord through St. Peter's Ministries. My wife Elizabeth was instrumental in connecting me to St. Peter's. It started with helping prepare lunch for Habitat for Humanity volunteers. It was just once a month and it was fun. Reading at service and helping Pastor Diane as a Eucharistic minister has just always felt right and it brought me closer to our congregation. Every chance to help our church has never felt a like a call to work, but a call to serve god in whatever's small way I can.

I feel so fortunate and grateful to be a useful part of our beautiful congregation.



### 50th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Honolulu October 26-27, 2018, Kona, Hawaii

The 50th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i was held on October 26-27, 2018, in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, with Pastor Diane Martinson, Curate Jazzy Bostock, and elected delegates Michelle Baldovi, Melvin Kau, Velma Lee, Ruth D. Merz, and Tim Yuen in attendance. Many thanks to our lay delegates for so ably representing St. Peter's at this year's Diocesan Convention. The word "fun" isn't always associated with Convention, but we really did have a fun time with one another and with our sisters and brothers from across the diocese!

#### Education Day:

On Friday's Convention "Education Day", instead of everyone being told as usual to turn "OFF" all their electronic devices, attendees were instructed to turn them "ON" instead, and were given step by step orientation into the interactive software that would enable all delegates to access the daily schedules, presentations, voting biographies and ballots for elections, financial documents, budgets, resolutions, Bishop's letter, and all other handouts for the convention electronically, instead of being printed out in a hard binder as usual.

Once everyone had gained electronic access, the work and findings of the three Design Teams (Spiritual Growth, `Ohana, and Communications) were presented, with Pastor Diane being a member of the `Ohana Design Group. From 10AM-3PM, each group introduced their members, presented their tasks and scope of work, and demonstrated their findings and outcomes through trainings, presentations with visuals, small breakout groups, games with prizes, bon dancing

in the aisles, and a Spirit-filled, small group prayer section. Instructions on how to use Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and other forms of media communication for enhancing church outreach, were also presented. The day ended with the Opening Eucharist Service, followed by an Aloha Reception Dinner on the outdoor luau grounds of the King Kamehameha Kona Beach Hotel.

*Submitted by Ruth D. Merz*

#### Education Day Worship:

The most meaningful part of convention was, for me, the worship at the close of education day. During the day, we had been talking about the Spirit of God, and I was thinking about renewal in the life of this church. During the worship service, I felt the breath of God blowing on us - warming the back of my neck and making my hair stand on end. I felt the liberating, loving, life-giving Spirit which is active in this church. Through the slack-key guitar music I felt the Hawaiian roots we have. Through the repeating of the creeds, and the structure of our worship, I felt the catholicity. And through the sermon, where we were asked to get into small groups and pray together, I felt the progressive nature of this church. The Spirit of God can be soft, and gentle, like wind - but it can also be dangerous, and igniting, like fire. In the worship service, I felt both - an assurance of God's presence and a call into a future which might be a bit scary. I feel God still active in this church, and I see the work we have ahead of us. Let us go forth, to love and serve God - Alleluia, alleluia!

*Submitted by Rev. Jazzy*

#### Bishop's Address to Convention:

Do we want others to know Jesus? That is the question Bishop Bob challenged us to consider. Some, he said, worry about the future of the church, but, he said, this is God's church and if we really believe that Jesus is important, that Jesus transforms lives, and if we really want others to know how much God loves them and the power of Jesus' love in this world, we needn't worry. The church will grow. But, it's up to us.

He pointed out that folks only invite others to something they love and value. Do we love and value our faith? Our church? Bishop Bob witnessed to his own faith, "I know Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior. It has been the greatest joy of my life to share that faith with others. I receive that love every day of my life. I want everyone to know that love and to share that love—to be free from pain, to know that you are loved just as you are." He pointed to Romans 8 which gives us hope in the grace that God has for us in the face of our weaknesses and failings and that we truly do have a "loving, liberating, life-giving God" as Presiding Bishop Curry is fond of saying.

Bishop Bob asked us to consider: Is our church a place of faith, welcome, joy, renewal? When someone walks into church on Sunday, do we believe that this person's

life will be changed? God's love has that power assured Bishop Bob, and he urged us to pray with one another for that love to be made known.

*Submitted by Pastor Diane*

### Budget:

During the medical leave of our Diocesan Treasurer, Peter Pereira, the budget was developed by Rae Costa (business manager), Danny Casey (bookkeeper), and the Diocesan Council. Dixie Kaetsu presented the resolution and the proposed budget to the delegates for approval.

In the 2019 approved budget, certain items were increased and then lowered for 2020 and 2021 because projections may change after the actual costs of each item are calculated next year. An example is increased support for Camp Mokuleia in 2019 in an effort to boost development of programming to benefit the congregations of the diocese. The impact of this additional support in 2019 will be evaluated before considering similar increases in subsequent years. Also, some items have reserves in anticipation of certain expenses in the coming years (i.e. Episcopal Youth Event; Lambeth Conference) so that when the item is needed, the price won't seem so costly.

*Submitted by Velma Lee*

### Random Observations

#### *The Place:*

The venue of the 50th Diocesan Convention was on the grounds of the historic King Kamehameha Hotel in downtown Kailua Kona. Within the hotel were works by Herb Kane, some depicting the life events of Kamehameha I. There were portraits of the other Kamehameha monarchs, including one of co-Patron Kamehameha IV who with Queen Emma invited the Anglican Church to the islands.

*Palaka Aplenty:* There was a sea of red Palaka shirts at the convention. This was the official shirt of the Convention and echoed a time when the plantations were a major part of Hawaii's commerce. It is noted that the most popular Palaka fashion was worn by our very own Pastor Diane and Michelle Baldoivi designed by Elise Karr. It was a simple, but impressive piece worn around the neck like a scarf but drew much attention on where to purchase. Elise, maybe next year?

*The Food: Education day Lunch at Honu's restaurant at the Hotel.* Boxed Bento with choice of Chicken, beef, or vegetarian. It came with an Apple or Orange and a very large cookie. Staying awake after lunch was very difficult.

#### *Education day at the Luau Grounds at the Hotel:*

Had a very healthy Hawaiian buffet which featured the usual kahlua pig, lau lau, lomi salmon, poi (Yes, poi), fish (Poke and cooked), papaya, salad, chicken long rice, and other stuff that I can't remember. All that I had remembered afterwards was Pastor Diane mentining

that she must see some glowing sting rays at the Sheraton Keauhou.

*Convention Day lunch at Honu's restaurant at the Hotel* Boxed Bento redux from Education day. The lunch prepared us for the most lively part of the convention, the vigorous discussions with the three remaining resolutions. The Chancellor, Wayne Yoshigai, and I later spoke at the airport that it wasn't supposed to happen that way and in jest said it was all Rae Costa's fault!

*Submitted by Tim Yuen*

### Four Resolutions Introduced:

**Resolution #1: 2019 Minimum Clergy Compensation and Benefits Policy of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii, submitted by the Diocesan Clergy Compensation Review Committee.** This is a proposed resolution presented yearly per the canons of the church. Amendments to the resolution, as approved for 2019 include: 1) a 2% increase in compensation per a 2.6% consumer price index increase in Hawaii, 2) If both spouses are employed by the Diocese, they are limited to a combined total of 16 workweeks of paid Parental Leave to match the 8 weeks granted to a clergyperson solely employed by the Diocese, and 3) value of church-provided housing will established on a case-by-case basis.

**Resolution #2: Failure on DACA Would Stain the U.S., submitted and introduced by Melvin E. Kau of St. Peters:** The resolution asks that the 50th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawaii support the immediate passage of federal legislation for a clean Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) or Dream Act, that provides a pathway for education, work, and protected status for young people brought to the United States as minors and protects their custodial families from detention and deportation. After four amendments were passed, which in essence were restructuring and rewordings of the original Resolution #2, the resolution was passed.

**Resolution #3: Taking a Stand Against Abuse in All Its Forms, submitted and introduced by Fran Kramer.** Two forms of this amendment were present—#3, the original resolution and #3B, which was rewritten by the Standing Committee and recommended to replace the original Resolution #3. The author of Resolution #3 rejected the proposed #3B because she felt #3B was too limited for the scope she was trying to achieve in Resolution #3. After much discussion in an effort to merge the two proposed resolutions, a motion was made, seconded and passed to table the consideration of Resolution #3 and #3B, sending it back to the Standing Committee.

**Resolution #4: Creation Care, submitted by Rev. David Kennedy.** Resolution #4 was adopted as presented.

**Reports at Convention:**

**St. Andrew's Priory**

Did you know that St. Andrew's Priory is the only Diocesan school in Hawai'i? However, no financial support for operations is received from the Diocese. Founded in 1867 by Queen Emma, the school across the square has been changing with the times, but continues its mission to "actively engage and educate students in a culture of care, love, and service".

The Head of School, Ruth R. Fletcher, Ph.D spoke at the recent 50<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention and shared that the school continually honors its founder & benefactor, Queen Emma, through its enriching programs and challenging curricula. Originally founded to provide young women access to a quality education once only provided to boys, the priory has now expanded its educational programs to include the following:

The Queen Emma Preschool (Boys and Girls): located off of Pali Highway

The Prep: Boys K-6 (Opened in 2014)

The Priory (Girls K-12): Lower Schools K-5; Upper School: 6-12

The school is still very much rooted in the Episcopal tradition, although the school is inclusive of all faiths. Weekly and monthly chapel services are led by the school's full-time chaplain, our very own The Rev. Annalise Pasalo! For more information, please visit [www.standrewsschools.org](http://www.standrewsschools.org)

*Submitted by Michele Baldovi*

**Camp Mokule'ia**

What are your memories of Camp Mokule'ia? I remember staying in the cabins for what was the annual St. Peter's Family camp. I had so much fun and looked forward to it every year when I was growing up. Camp Mokule'ia Executive Director Darrell Whitaker took the opportunity at the diocesan convention to share the latest news at Camp Mokule'ia. A survey of the clergy about the camp indicated that a few had never been to the camp or accessed it resources.

Future plans include hiring and training more staff to sustain on-going programs is one of many plans for the camp. One major goal is to partner with other churches and community organizations in order to support various ministries and programs.

A quick trip to the website revealed a number of programs at the camp, including summer camps, childhood cancer programs, diocesan youth ministry and more.

Camp Mokule'ia was donated to The Episcopal Church of Hawaii by the McInerney family in 1947. The mission of Camp Mokule'ia is:

*Camp Mokule'ia, an historically sacred place of rest, recreation and renewal, is a ministry of the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i that inspires individuals and communities to connect with the goodness and blessings of all God's Creation.*

For more information about camp programs or how to support its ministry, please visit [www.campmokuleia.org](http://www.campmokuleia.org).

*Submitted by Michele Baldovi*



Mel, Jazzy, Velma, Ruth, Michele Front Row: Jazzy, Diane, Mel, Tim Back Row: Velma, Ruth, Michele



← The Visible Necrology. Hats to be given to homeless people on all islands

**If Can, Can**

It's CAN, CAN, CAN TIME!!! St. Peter's canned goods drive is underway. For the seventh year, we will provide food support to families of the Kuhio Park Terrace Family Center. The Center seeks to increase the knowledge and confidence of parents in child-rearing activities; strengthen partnerships with parents and professionals in meeting the educational needs of children from birth through high school; and enhance the working relationships between home, school and community agencies.



Based on recommendations for healthier choices from the Hawaii Food Bank, suggested items include canned chicken and tuna, canned beans, fruits and vegetables, soup with low sodium, unsweetened applesauce and brown rice.

PLEASE double-check the expiration date on the canned items. Monetary donations are also accepted if you would like St. Peter's volunteers to shop for you. Just specify KPT on your check.

Bring your contributions to church any Sunday between now and November 18<sup>th</sup> or to Jazz Vespers any Thursday between now and November 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be a box at the back of the church for your donations.

*Haroldwyn Chang*



**Choral Evensong**  
 Sunday, November 11, 2018  
 5:30 pm

Commemorating  
 Queen Lili'uokalani's Death  
 November 11, 1917

With the Cathedral Choir  
 and special guests  
 Nā Wai Chamber Choir

A special Evensong on will be offered on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> (5:30 PM) at the Cathedral of St. Andrew, Honolulu, to commemorate the 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the death of Queen Lili'uokalani. In keeping with

historic Church practice, this commemoration is observed on November 11<sup>th</sup> as the date of the Queen's death, and, therefore, when she entered into the greater glory of God and the communion of saints.

The Episcopal Church's liturgical calendar currently authorizes commemoration of Queen Lili'uokalani for local use on this day. The Hawai'i Diocese has resolved to encourage Queen Lili'uokalani's inclusion in the general liturgical calendar for the entire Church. Towards this end, the Bishop will work with the Native Hawaiian Ministry Committee to develop liturgical resources for the commemoration that can be shared nationally and internationally. The diocese will also be developing a case for why the Queen should be a witness to the whole Church, more than just locally. Commemoration and Presentation to the General Convention is anticipated in 2021 or 2024. If you are interested in working on this project, please speak with Bishop Bob by contacting the Diocesan Support Center, formerly known as the Office of the Bishop.

**Senior Warden's Corner**

*Velma Lee, Senior Warden*



A St. Peter's coordinator is needed to schedule the volunteers for the food preparation that St. Peter's provides for the Hie Hie Project. We have partnered with Harris United Methodist Church on the third Thursday of each month, to provide the morning coffee service and "brown sack" lunches for the clients. Harris provides them with clothes and IHS brings in various services to answer their questions about legal aid, housing, medical problems. To learn more about this outreach ministry, please see Pastor Diane, Rev. Jazzy, Velma Lee or Elizabeth Winternitz.

A St. Peter's representative to Central Middle School's (CMS) Community Partnership, formerly known as the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is also needed. Remember the saying, "It takes a village to raise a child?" CMS needs help from the organizations that surround the school. We are part of that village.

Mel Kau and Bert Fong are St. Peter's Board members on the Chinese Christian Cemetery Association (CCCA). Currently, the organization is reviewing the draft contract of the caretaker for Pauoa Cemetery. CCCA owns Pauoa Cemetery. A few former members of St. Peter's are interred there.

**Thank you Paula Choy and Sheri Yoshida for hosting a Friday night movie and dinner. A delicious good time was had by all!**



**Looking for a community with which to spend Thanksgiving?** IHS is looking for volunteers to prepare meals and/or just be present on Thanksgiving Day at their Tutu Berts Recovery Houses. These are homes for veterans, for persons transitioning out of Queens Hospital who need assisted nursing, and for persons receiving acute drug and alcohol treatment. Contact Chaplain Irene Willis, [irenew@ihshawaii.org](mailto:irenew@ihshawaii.org), for more information!

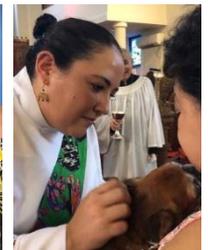
**Soul Foods Ministry Will Cook on Wednesday, November 7, at 6:15 pm**

Soul Foods will be preparing its signature Chicken Jook. To join the festivities, contact Velma Lee at [vklee2014@gmail.com](mailto:vklee2014@gmail.com).

**Habitat Lunch Bunch Will Cook and Serve on Saturday, November 10, at 9ish**

Habitat will prepare a lunch for the volunteers building a house in Waimanalo. To help cook or serve, contact Steve Mitchell at [mauinetsteve@gmail.com](mailto:mauinetsteve@gmail.com)

**Blessing of the Animals - St. Francis Day**



**Capital Campaign Update**



Many thanks to those who have continued to support St. Peter's Capital Campaign. The total cost of the 2017 church repair and renovation project was \$809,050.00.

\$150,000 of the funding came from church reserves with the balance donated or pledged through the three -year capital campaign. St. Peter's took out a construction loan of \$252,000 to cover the construction costs while capital campaign gifts are being received. As of the end of October the balance on the loan was \$76,786.

Payments toward principal are made each month as monies come in thereby lowering the monthly interest payments on this loan. New gifts are always welcome. Thank you!



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**The Feast Day of Kamehameha and Emma, King and Queen of Hawaii** Join a special Adult Forum on November 25th, celebrating Holy Sovereign's

Day by exploring the work King Kamehameha did on translating the Book of Common Prayer.

Jazz Vespers that week, November 29th, will also be in celebration of Holy Sovereigns' Day.

**Elder's Recognition Sunday**

Centenarians-Eleanor Chang, Bernard Ching, and Nora Fong and Nonagenarians: Annette Besvold, Joseph Chang, Violet Chew, Rebecca Ching, Rosie Ching, Barbara Chung, Miriam Everhart, Ellen Jean Fo, Lily Ing, Stanley Kau, Velma Kim, Loretta Loo, Theodora "Teddy" Luke, Lynda Pang, Helena Won, Adrienne Yee, Laura Young, Alfred Yuen were recognized and honored on Sunday, October 21. A light brunch was served after each service and each honoree received a gift bag from St. Peter's with a framed section of stained glass from the old altar window. Congratulations to all! A special booklet with biographical information on each honoree was prepared for the occasion.

**Special Music in November**

*Dr. Joseph Eppink*

St. Peter's Choir will feature special music during the month of November. Rehearsals are Thursday, November 1, 8, and 29th at 7:15 p.m. or every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for the 10:00 a.m. service.

**SPECIAL MUSICAL EVENT!**  
 The 22nd Thanksgiving Concert  
 \*\*Our choir & ukulele ensembles will be performing!  
 Honolulu Chinese Christian Chorus  
co-sponsored by Chinese Christian Association & Seventh-Day Adventist Church  
 November 11 - 5:00 pm  
 Seventh-Day Adventist Church  
 2313 Nuuanu Ave, Honolulu

We welcome you to join our Music Ministry. You don't need to read music or attend all of the rehearsals.

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